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SUBJ: UNSSOD: MEETING OF THE DRAFTING GROUP ON MACHINERY,
JUNE 16, 1978

1. THE DRAFTING GROUP ON MACHINERY HELD ITS THIRD MEETING AFTERNOON OF JUNE 16. THE GROUP SUCCEEDED IN DELETING DATES CONTAINED IN PARA 6 OF MACHINERY SECTION RELATING TO CONVENING OF A SECOND SSOD (SWEDEN AND US REQUESTED DELETION OF "IN 1982" AND "IN 1983," AS WELL AS REFERENCES TO THE "35TH" AND "36TH" SESSIONS OF THE UNGA).

2. MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENT DURING THIS DRAFTING GROUP SESSION WAS THE INTRODUCTION OF UK LANGUAGE ON PARA 8 (TEXT CONTAINED PARA 5 BELOW). FOLLOWING INTRODUCTION OF UK LANGUAGE, MEXICO MADE BRIEF STATEMENT NOTING SOME "MINOR PROBLEMS" WITH UK TEXT, SPECIFICALLY, CONCEPT OF CREATION OF THE POST OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR THE "DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE" AND ROTATION OF THE
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CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE'S MEETINGS. MEXICAN REP EMPHASIZED THAT THESE WERE ONLY INITIAL REACTIONS, HOWEVER, AND THAT FURTHER CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE TEXT.

3. FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF MEETING, US DELOFF WAS APPROACHED BY USSR AND FRENCH DELS, WHO PROVIDED INITIAL, INFORMAL REACTIONS TO UK TEXT. USSR EMPHASIZED THAT THE

PRIMARY OBJECTION USSR DEL WOULD LODGE RELATED TO DISBANDMENT OF THE CCD AND REPLACEMENT BY UK-PROPOSED DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE, ALTHOUGH FOLLOWING USSR DEL REVIEW OF TEXT HE WAS CERTAIN SOVIETS WOULD HAVE ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS. FRENCH DELOFF'S INITIAL REACTION WAS THAT UK TEXT WAS "TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE;" HOWEVER, FOLLOWING INITIAL, SOMEWHAT EMOTIONAL REACTION, HE AGREED THAT THE UK PROPOSAL DID CONTAIN SOME ELEMENTS WHICH WERE ACCEPTABLE AND THAT THE UK TEXT COULD PROVIDE A POSSIBLE BASIS FOR COMPROMISE ON THE QUESTION OF A NEW MULTILATERAL DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATING BODY.

4. YUGOSLAV REP ALSO APPROACHED US DELOFF REGARDING UK TEXT AND INDICATED THAT "90 PER CENT" OF THE UK PROPOSAL "SEEMED ACCEPTABLE;" HOWEVER, HE BELIEVED THERE MIGHT BE SOME MINOR LEGAL PROBLEMS IN CURRENT FORMULATION, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS SSOD WELCOMING "THE INTENTION OF MEMBER STATES OF THE CCD TO DISBAND." HE NOTED THAT THE "INTENTION" OF CCD MEMBERS COULD NOT POSSIBLY BE CLEAR, AS REGARDS DISBANDMENT, PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE CCD'S SUMMER SESSION, WHICH WILL BE JULY 11.

5. TEXT OF UK-PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR PARA 8 OF MACHINERY SECTION: BEGIN TEXT: "THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REAFFIRMS THE CONTINUING REQUIREMENT FOR A SINGLE MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATING FORUM OF LIMITED SIZE AND TAKING DECISIONS ON DISARMAMENT
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QUESTIONS ON THE BASIS OF CONSENSUS: AND TO THIS END:

(I) ENDORSES THE AGREEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN REACHED ON THE COMPOSITION OF A DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE COMPRISING: (LIST OF MEMBER STATES);

(II) WELCOMES THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE ABOVE-MENTIONED STATES THAT THE DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE SHOULD:

(A) TAKE ITS DECISIONS BY CONSENSUS

(B) ADOPT ITS OWN RULES OF PROCEDURE WHICH SHALL BE ITS ONLY RULES OF PROCEDURE

(C) REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO APPOINT FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE COMMITTEE, AN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR THE COMMITTEE AS HIS PERSONAL SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WHOSE FUNCTIONS SHALL BE TO ORGANIZE THE BUSINESS AND TIMETABLES OF THE COMMITTEE, AND TO ASSIST AND ADVISE THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN

(D) PROVIDE FOR A SYSTEM OF ROTATION, AMONG ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, OF THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF ITS MEETINGS

(E) ADOPT ITS OWN AGENDA TAKING NOTE OF RECOMMENDATIONS
MADE TO IT BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND BY THE EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY

(F) REVIEW PRIOR TO THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMA-
MENT ITS COMPOSITION

(G) SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNUALLY, OR
MORE FREQUENTLY AS NECESSARY, AND PROVIDE COPIES OF ITS
FORMAL AND OTHER APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO ALL THE MEMBER
STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

(H) MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO INVITE INTERESTED STATES, NOT
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, TO SUBMIT TO THE COMMITTEE
WRITTEN PROPOSALS OR WORKING DOCUMENTS ON MEASURES OF
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COMMITTEE AND TO PARTICIPATE, WHERE APPROPRIATE, IN THE
PLENARY SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE AS WELL AS IN THE PRO-
CEEDINGS OF APPROPRIATE WORKING BODIES WHEN THE SUBJECT

MATTER OF SUCH PROPOSALS OR WORKING DOCUMENTS IS EXAMINED

(I) INVITE STATES NOT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, UPON THEIR
REQUEST, TO EXPRESS VIEWS IN THE COMMITTEE WHEN THE PARTI-
CULAR CONCERNS OF THOSE STATES ARE UNDER DISCUSSION.

(III) WELCOMES THE INTENTION OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE
CCD TO DISBAND THAT COMMITTEE UPON THE FORMATION OF THE
DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE." END TEXT. LEONARD

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